

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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LATE ITEM

France-China

a. The story of French recognition of Communist China has hit the press.

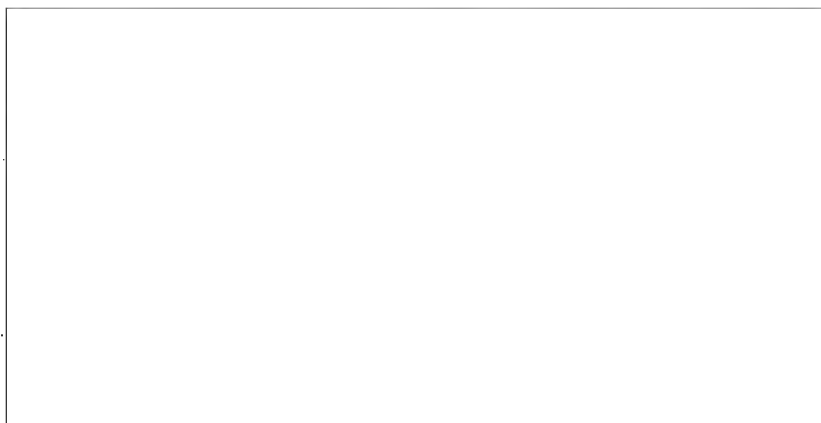
b. According to the press account, the establishment of the Sino-French relationship will be a gradual process, with full diplomatic recognition preceded by relations on a cultural and commercial level.

c. They also plan to send to Peiping an official French representative--probably Edgar Faure whose trip last year started the whole thing.

d. De Gaulle is said to be proceeding in this fashion because a more precipitate French move might embarrass President Johnson in an election year.

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1. Panama

a. Chiari remains under heavy pressure to stick to a rigid position on the treaty issue.

b. A "Committee for the Protection of National Sovereignty," which includes nationalist elements of many political hues, is playing a major role in keeping popular pressures alive.

c. A big student-labor demonstration is scheduled for this evening.

d. The business community is getting apprehensive over the economic lashback. Unemployment, for example, is rising as employees of concerns gutted during the riots are laid off.

e. Groups of rightists, leftists, and ordinary opportunistic seekers of power and money--of which Panama has more than its share--are all hoping to exploit the unrest to unseat the Chiari administration.

f. Thus we think the present calm may be deceptive.

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2. Cyprus

a. Tensions between Turkish and Greek Cypriots remain high, and British troops have been ordered to fire if necessary to keep the two communities apart.

b. Hitherto British peace-keeping troops had been under orders to fire only in self-defense.

c. The Cypriot Communists, almost all Greeks, are trying to burrow their way into positions of greater trust and power. The Greek community leadership is fending them off for the present, but this would quickly change if the Turks were to invade.

d. The Turkish military continue to talk in terms of possible unilateral intervention if other means to prevent "a new massacre" are not found. Turkish forces are concentrated in the Iskenderun area

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3. USSR

a. The Soviets yesterday fired another ICBM from Tyuratam to the Kamchatka impact area which resembled in many respects [redacted] missile fired on 3 December.

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4. Cuba-West

a. The Castro drive to "break the American embargo" is from all accounts in full swing.

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5. Zanzibar

a. Chargé Picard, who was arrested at pistol point yesterday along with a second US diplomat and four newsmen, was flown out of Dar-es-Salaam this morning.

b. Their seizure yesterday shows the basic emotional instability and anti-American slant of the new regime.

c. The Tanganyikan government, concerned over this "serious mistake," has sent a mission to Zanzibar to try to talk sense into the new leaders. This mission may have had a role in securing Picard's release.

d. The others involved are at last reports still in Zanzibar, but a British ship may be able to take them off the island later today.

6. Zanzibar-Cuba

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[redacted] the role Cuba may have played in last Sunday's upheaval in Zanzibar.

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b. Havana seems to have at a minimum provided inspiration and perhaps gave a little direction.

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NOTES

- A. Bolivia Yesterday's scheduled demonstration by Lechin's labor organization was postponed until Monday. When the demonstration does come off, it could lead to attacks on the US Embassy and other American property.
- B. Jordan Waters UN observers have been put on the alert for a possible Syrian reaction when the Israelis begin next week to hook up the Jordan waters intake system in Lake Tiberias. We consider the Syrians the most likely of the Arab states to take violent action against the project.
- C. Nepal - Communist China Peiping has offered to build a highway across the part of Nepal adjacent to India from which Chinese aid projects have hitherto been excluded. The Nepalis have tentatively accepted. If they go through with it, the reaction in New Delhi will be strong.
- D. Mexico

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